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TIDEWATER BALING CORPORATION  
St. Charles Street  
Newark, Essex County  
EPA ID# None

Tidewater Baling Corporation, located on St. Charles Street in Newark is involved in reclaiming and baling scrap metals for recycling. The company has been located at this site since 1945 and the property was used for similar purposes since the 1950s.

Various metal materials are reclaimed and baled included 55 gallon drums, transformers, construction scrap and automobile parts.

On-site inspections have revealed poor housekeeping practices throughout the site. Scrap metal is piled throughout the yard and into adjacent property. Soil contamination is extensive throughout the site, especially in the area around the baler building. Hydraulic oil from the baler and the oil-water separator has been known to leak and spill on Tidewater Baler property. Runoff during heavy rains has caused this material to contaminate adjacent properties. Analysis of the contaminated soil and liquid has revealed the presence of PCB's, heavy metals and volatile organic materials as well as oily wastes.

~~The site is located next to a recreational area (Ironbound Stadium) and residential areas.~~ The lack of proper security measures leaves the site easily accessible and gives a high potential for population exposure.

Workers at the site are not properly protected and could be exposed to hazardous substances. In 1979 an employee at the site was killed in an explosion in the baler building. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The company has been cited on numerous occasions for environmental and public safety violations by the city of Newark and NJDEP. An Administrative Consent Order was issued to the company on September 16, 1986 (Attachment C).

Removal of contaminated soil and liquid has started, but because of the great extent of contamination and lack of cooperation on the company's part, a high priority for action is recommended.

Immediate consideration must be given to this site because of the danger present to the population and the environment.

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